



JOIN THE HEALTH CARE FIGHT



## Why I Support Health Insurance Reform



Health care reform is that something needs to happen - and soon. When I apply for MNHealthcare, they deny me every time stating that I make too much money. However, I am not full-time, and our company doesn't offer health insurance for part-time staff. I cannot afford any other type of health care. Over a year ago, I had a miscarriage. I had to pay for emergency room care and testing to find out what was wrong. I didn't have any form of health insurance, and I'm still paying for that out of my pocket. When I tried to get help, they told me that I had to have a child. That's the thing - I was trying to. I hope something comes of all of this and helps those of us who do work and unfortunately get denied for health care.

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## Where Our Union Stands on Reform:

*"You can't even think about negotiating for a wage increase because the whole negotiation is about trying to keep the benefits you already have. That's not just the fault of the employer. It's the fault of a broken health care system that's sucking up all the money." – President Obama*

Our union believes health care for all is the civil rights issue of our time. And the moment for action is now. But not all reform plans are the same, and not all are good for working families.

### **We support a plan with these essential components:**

- ✓ Affordable options and reform of insurance practices that will result in health care for all Americans, and increased bargaining power for our members who are forced to sacrifice wages, health and safety improvements, pensions and other important issues because of the rising cost of health benefits.
- ✓ A public option that will lower costs by competing with the private sector and offer coverage for Americans who cannot afford alternatives.
- ✓ No taxation for employer-provided insurance and rules to ensure big employers retain coverage.
- ✓ Shared responsibility by requiring all employers to provide coverage, also known as "pay to play."
- ✓ Significant cost containment to help families, retirees, businesses and our governments.
- ✓ A federally funded catastrophic reinsurance program to help employers and VEBAs that provide benefits for pre-Medicare retirees ages 55-64.

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